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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is responsive to the communication February 3, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A vacuum process apparatus for processing at least one workpiece comprising a chamber with[:] at least two openings defining respective opening areas [for one of treating and handling said at least one workpiece thereof]; and a transport device[, comprising] having a drive shaft rotatable around a rotational axis of said drive shaft; at least two conveyors [arranged at said transport device] for at least one workpiece each[, said transport device comprising], and a transport arm for each conveyor [projecting from] operatively associated with said drive shaft; said arms being operatively coupled to said conveyors to move said conveyors independently of each other relative to said drive shaft and to have at least a radial movement component relative to the drive shaft rotational axis via encapsulated, independent drives.